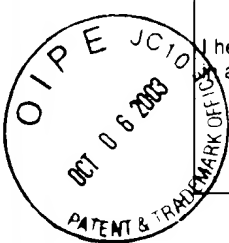


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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and response to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) of September 4, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments and Response to the Restriction Requirement begin on page 7 of this paper.